Sale of cheap cloth

142. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the sale of cheap cloth in the open market instead of its distribution among the poor people;

(b) whether Government propose to issue any guidelines to all the State Governments to ensure regular distribution of cheap cloth to weaker sections of society; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government have requested State Governments|Union Territories Administrations to strengthen and streamline the distributional arrangements which are primarily their concern, in order to ensure that controlled cloth is not diverted to unauthorised channels. Government have also requested the State Government|Union Territories Administrations to open a larger number of rural outlets for the sale of controlled cloth so that the weaker sections of society can be covered adequately under the Scheme.

Terrorist training centres in Pakistan

143. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's information about the setting up of Centres in Pakistan for training terrorists in subversive activities in Punjab; and

(b) at what forum the matter has been taken up with the Government of Pakistan and what has been its response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Pakistan's assistance to terrorist activities directed against India has taken many forums including also the setting up of training camps for such elements.

(b) This issue has been raised with Pakistan on several occasions at various levels. The Pakistan Government affirmed during our Home Secretary's visit to Lahore in December, 1986 that it will not provide any support to terrorist activities directed against India.

Jute development fund

144. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have worked out a comprehensive scheme to utilize the Rs. 100 crores Special Jute Development Fund; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) In order to revitalize the jute sector, the Government have decided to create and make available over a period of time, a Special Development Fund of Rs. 100 crores for rehabilitation and restructuring of jute industry as well as for development of jute agriculture. The distribution among varous programmes has been worked out as under:—

		(Rs. crores)
1.	Jute Agricultural Development Programme.	4.25
2.	Assistance to JCI and its Cooperative procurement agencies.	4.10
3.	Product diversification and R&D support.	4.10
4.	Schemes for the benefit of workers in the Jute Industry	5350
	TOTAL:	498.50